

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the title of the application at line 1 with the following:

~~PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS WITH IMPROVED~~
~~DISSOLUTION~~ PHARMACEUTICAL SALTS OF VALDECOXIB

Please replace lines 8-9 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 1 shows a representation of a differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) thermogram of the sodium salt of celecoxib prepared by Example 1 between 50 degrees C and 110 degrees C.

Please replace lines 10-12 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 2 shows a representation of a thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) thermogram of the sodium salt of celecoxib prepared by Example 1, which was conducted from about 30 degrees C to about 160 degrees C.

Please replace lines 13-14 with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 3 shows a representation of a PXRD diffractogram of the sodium salt of celecoxib prepared by Example 1.